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SUBJECT: UK AGREES ON NEED TO HELP COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT  
KEEP THE PRESSURE ON FARC, DESPITE SOME DOMESTIC OPPOSITION

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- [1](#)1. (C) HMG is "100 percent on the same page as the United States" regarding FARC and the need to aggressively combat narcotics trafficking, 7
- [1](#)2. (C) Kay cautioned, however, that HMG faces a "strong NGO and political lobby" in Britain urging the UK to stop aid to the Colombian gover  
UK Views on Venezuela -----
- [1](#)3. (C) Turning to Venezuela, Kay characterized the UK's attitude toward President Chavez as "cautiously constructive engagement," including i